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DGP to review Dasara security in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (MTY&BCT)- This year, probably for the first time, the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) will assess Dasara security measures. DG&IGP Alok Mohan, along with ADGPs and other senior Officers, will conduct a review meeting in the city tomorrow (Oct. 9) to evaluate security measures.

Alok Mohan's visit to Mysuru is significant as it is his first since assuming the role of DG&IGP in August this year. He is scheduled to arrive in the city tomorrow morning and will receive a ceremonial guard of honour.

The DG&IGP's Dasara security review will coincide with his meeting with Superintendents of Police (SP) from five districts — Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu, Hassan and Chamarajanagar, coming under the Southern Range governed by DIGP. The meeting holds importance as Dasara is being celebrated in the hometown of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth informed *Star of Mysore* this morning that the DG&IGP would visit Mysuru tomorrow and hold meetings with the Commissionerate and the Southern Region.

DG&IGP Alok Mohan

Discussions will include details about Dasara security, personnel deployment, additional forces from other districts, intelligence and surveillance, internal security and related topics. The Commissioner added, "We will have a comprehensive overview of the entire security setup for Dasara by tomorrow evening."

Sources suggest that the DG&IGP will review security arrangements for all Dasara events and the 5 km long procession route. Attendees at the meeting will include heads of the Commissionerate, district officials, representatives from various units (including fingerprints, the intelligence wing, control room, Government Railway Police, City Armed Reserve, District Armed Reserve, Mounted Police, Civil Right Enforcement Cell, and Karnataka State Reserve Police).

(See DGP on page 7)

Historic achievement: PM

Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Oct. 8- Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed as historic achievement Indian athletes winning the highest-ever total of 107 medals at the Asian Games, and said the unwavering determination and hard work of the players have made the nation proud.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Modi said, "What a historic achievement for India at the Asian Games! The entire nation is overjoyed that our incredible athletes have brought home the highest ever total of 107 medals, the best ever performance in the last 60 years."

[See also page 11]

Surge in online fraud; Victims lose Rs. 37 lakh

Scams in the name of Google ratings, hotel review, PAN correction, job offer

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (BCT)- Online scams have victimised six individuals from Mysuru and Kodagu, resulting in significant financial losses worth Rs. 37 lakh. In the first case, a scam worth Rs. 7.55 lakh targeted G. Bala Vighnesh, a 28-year-old Government Officer residing in K.R. Mill Colony, Mysuru. He was lured into fraudulent activities when fraudsters initially contacted him via Telegram. They persuaded him to write hotel reviews, promising substantial earnings and even deposited Rs. 1,000 into his account to gain his trust.

Subsequently, they convinced him to engage in money transfers and provide reviews, with the promise of earning Rs. 3,000 daily. Unfortunately, Bala Vighnesh fell victim to this scam, losing a total of Rs. 7,55,568. The fraudsters managed to siphon off the money gradually without raising suspicion.

Google ratings scam

In another case, fraudsters targeted a woman, convincing her that she could make easy money. S. Veda, a resident of Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, received a WhatsApp message from scammers using the number 85768-44553, promising earnings through Google ratings. Initially, she received Rs. 100 for completing the tasks. Later, by coercing her into transferring money and providing ratings, they convinced her that more significant profits were attainable. Veda initially made a transaction of Rs. 5,000, with the promise of substantial returns that eventually escalated to Rs. 8.29 lakh. However, before realising that she has been deceived, the fraudsters disappeared and the mobile number was switched off.

In another incident, a person lost Rs. 2.35 lakh after being manipulated into believing that his PAN number in an insurance policy was incorrect and needed correction for final claims. The victim Yash Kothari, a 23-year-old resident of Siddarthanagar, had received the call from a number (89290-26082).

The caller informed him of the error in his PAN number and demanded Rs. 78,569 to rectify it. Yash complied, making transactions worth Rs. 2,35,707. He later realised he had been scammed and reported the incident to the Police. The cases have been registered at Cyber Economic and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police Station, Mysuru.

(See FRAUD on page 7)

Mysuru-by-night will be this Dasara highlight

148.21 kilometres; 129 circles to be lit up; budget Rs. 6.64 crore; 1,43,961 units of electricity; from Oct. 15 to Nov. 4

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Oct. 8- Despite the modest celebration of the Dasara festival this year — titled traditional Dasara — due to the ongoing drought-like conditions across the State, Mysuru city will still be aglow with captivating decorative lighting, inviting visitors and tourists to experience the city's rich culture and heritage in a dazzling spectacle of light and artistry.

This year, the Dasara illumination will span a stretch of 148.21 kilometres, encompassing 129 circles. Notably, 33 giant illuminated sculptures will be tastefully lit up this year, compared to the 135.21-kilometre stretch, 119 circles and 30 giant illuminated sculptures featured last year.

The increased illumination is expected to consume 1,43,961 units of electricity this year, compared to the 1,30,874 units used last year.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 8th October 2023

UoM Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Oct. 8- Mohamed Minhaj has been awarded Ph.D in Information Management by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Defining and Building a Knowledge Base of Academic Connections Using Wikipedia Infoboxes' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Shalini R. Urs.

K.M. Krishna has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the UoM, Mysuru, for his thesis 'Self Help Groups and Empowerment of the Scheduled Tribes Women in Karnataka State' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.T. Ramachandra.

S. Srikanth has been awarded Ph.D in Polymer Science by the UoM for his thesis 'Studies on Wollastonite Reinforced Recycled Polyethylene (PE) Composites' [Guide: Dr. R.L. Jagadish].

S. Yamuna Devi has been awarded Ph.D in Polymer Science by the UoM for her thesis 'Studies on Wollastonite Reinforced Recycled Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS) Composites' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R.L. Jagadish.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 goals with 169 targets that all 193 UN member States have agreed to try to achieve by 2030. SDGs are a matter of urgency and actions by all countries, both developed and developing, to end poverty and other socio-economic and environmental problems should align with strategies that improve the standard of life and education, reduce inequality and harness economic growth.

India, with a long-standing history of equitable and inclusive education, has accelerated efforts to ensure the achievement of SDGs through various reforms. Among them, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 should be given credit to a great extent.

NEP 2020 demands that Indian higher education be committed to mapping its day-to-day operations with SDGs. Ranking Universities according to the achievement of SDGs is a 5% welcome move, but is still inadequate to meet the SDG deadline.

To accelerate the progress towards achieving the 2030 agenda, stakeholders of higher education should be educated and oriented so that none of their activities leave any SDG behind. The 56,205 Higher Educational Institutions and Universities in India should work together.

Universities should come out reinvigorated and play a part in the education, innovation, culture and civic life of their local communities. Community health, energy-saving measures, efficient resource allocation, waste reduction, development of local skills, as well as the sharing of services, infrastructure and facilities with other Universities or external partners should become a culture in Universities.

It is high time that Universities adopted sustainability as a mantra and incorporated SDGs into their institutional strategies, both in daily administration and in teaching and research. It has been realised that higher education cannot work in isolation; rather it must be directly integrated with socio-economic development where each activity and transaction has meaningful and multiple impacts on SDGs. Every citizen must feel that the Universities contribute directly to their well-being and nation-building. —*Selvam Jesiah in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Disease leaves school girls with paralyzed limbs

Kakamega: Officials in Kenya's Kakamega County are struggling to find the cause of a mysterious illness that has reportedly left 95 girls at a girl's high school barely able to walk.

Over the past couple of weeks, 95 students from St. Theresa's Eregi Girls High School in Kakamega, a city located 374 kilometres northwest of Nairobi have been hospitalised due to paralysis of the lower limbs, sparking concerns about a mysterious illness. The "epidemic" sparked panic and anxiety among parents, who demanded answers and protection for their daughters. Local media outlets reported that the girls are experiencing a condition that renders their legs numb and immobile, and clips that are doing the rounds on Kenyan social media show the girls struggling to walk properly.

Low-flying chopper puts crocodiles in the mood

Rockhampton: The owner of a crocodile farm in Australia said mating season started early this year thanks to the males being put into the amorous mood by the presence of military helicopters.

John Lever, who established the Koorana Crocodile Farm in Rockhampton, Queensland, in 1981, said the bulls among his stable of about 3,000 crocodiles were sent into a mating frenzy when a Chinook helicopter came in low over the farm.

He said one helicopter came in low to get a good look at the animals, and the result was a flurry of reptile romance.

"All of the big males got up and roared and bellowed up at the sky and then after the helicopters left they mated like mad," Lever said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynecology Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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CAVA calls applications for vacant BVA seats with fine

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (BS)- Following the notification of University of Mysore, Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, has invited applications for admission to vacant seats of Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) Degree course for the year 2023-24, with fine amount.

From third semester, the course offers special training in the Departments of painting, sculpture, graphics, applied art, history of art, photography and photo journalism.

The last date to apply is Oct. 9 (before 10 am), while eligibility test and personal interview will be conducted from 11 am. Interested may log on to ***https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in*** or ***https://www.cavamysore.karnataka.gov.in*** or contact the Office on Ph: 0821-2438931, according to the Academic Coordinator, CAVA.

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REALLY...?

- *It takes 10 weeks to climb Mount Everest.*
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Raju got on a double-decker bus and climbed to the upper deck. A few minutes later, he staggered down the steps, muttering to himself.
"Is anything the matter?" asked the driver.
"It ain't safe up there," said Raju. "No driver !!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.12
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.74
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.63
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.12

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to Police for crackdown on faulty number plates

Sir,

Kudos to the Mysuru City Police for their recent crackdown on vehicles with faulty number plates, as reported in *SOM* dated Oct. 4. This move is wholeheartedly appreciated by law-abiding citizens. One can observe a myriad of blatant violations when it comes to the legibility and standards of fonts, sizes and shapes on number plates. Many individuals display the names of their relatives, organisations or former positions within associations on their plates. These details are often intentionally obscured, disfigured or partially covered with stickers.

Even at checkpoints, these violators show a complete disregard for the law by not wearing helmets or carrying any relevant records. They do not slow down when signalled to stop, instead opting to speed away recklessly, endangering everyone on the road, including traffic personnel, themselves and their own livelihoods and families.

This prevalence of faulty or incomplete number plates makes it difficult to identify and track down individuals involved in vehicle loan defaults, chain and mobile phone thefts, extortion, and hit-and-run cases.

Unfortunately, bystanders who wish to assist the Police are often unable to note down the numbers due to these faulty registration plates. Some plates even display unconventional phrases like 'Boss' for the registration number '8055, making a mockery of the system.

It's encouraging to note that the authorities have now made it mandatory to install High-Security Registration Plates meeting required standards on all vehicles manufactured before 2009, starting from November. This step, if implemented gradually but consistently, will help relieve the already burdened law enforcement authorities, streamline traffic, maintain law and order, and reduce crime rates.

—Dr. M. Shyam Prasad
Krishnamurthypuram
6.10.2023

Safari tourists to get insurance cover at Bandipur, Nagarahole

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (MTY&BCT)- In a pioneering move, the Forest Department has introduced insurance coverage for tourists embarking on safaris in forest vehicles within the Nagarahole and Bandipur Tiger Reserves.

Karnataka, a State renowned for its rich biodiversity, has a long history of wildlife tourism activities in the Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves. Given the regular influx of visitors to these protected areas, authorities are taking proactive steps to ensure their safety.

While the Forest Department had initially planned to implement the insurance scheme in these reserves, it has now been officially launched. Nagarahole Tiger Reserve is a popular destination for wildlife enthusiasts in India, attracting approximately 1.25 lakh to 1.50 lakh tourists for wildlife viewing safaris each year. Bandipur, on the other hand, sees around 1.4 lakh to 1.5 lakh visitors annually.

This insurance initiative is a precautionary measure aimed at safeguarding tourists during their visits to the Nagarahole and Bandipur Tiger Reserves. It provides Rs. 1 crore in coverage (towards any risk and untoward incidents faced by the tourists) through United India Insurance Co. Ltd., with each tourist receiving insurance coverage of Rs. 5 lakh.

For Bandipur Tiger Reserve, the Forest Department pays a premium of Rs. 80,000, while for Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, the premium is set at Rs. 70,000. While in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, the insurance will be effective from 23.09.2023 to 22.09.2024, at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, the policy will remain effective from 4.10.2023 to 3.10.2024.

Despite the absence of any adverse incidents within the tiger reserves so far, officials emphasise their commitment to providing financial support in the event of any unforeseen incidents.

Ministers visit proposed site of Centre's Unity Mall project

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (BCT)- The site for establishing the Central Government's Unity Mall has been confirmed at the Karnataka Exhibition Authority Grounds (KEA), also known as Dasara Exhibition Grounds.

This ambitious project comes with an estimated cost of Rs. 193 crore and Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, has tasked the official team with making this site an unforgettable experience for both visitors and tourists.

The Unity Mall aims to be a vibrant showcase of the diverse range of handicrafts, art, sandalwood, rosewood inlay works, Geographical Indication (GI) tagged products and rich cultural heritage of the Mysuru region.

To be built on a 6.5-acre plot within the Dasara Exhibition Grounds, it won't just feature 'One District One Product' offerings but will also serve as an extensive platform for local and Karnataka's handicrafts. The Mall will offer dedicated exhibition spaces for crafts, sandalwood products, and silk emporiums of Karnataka.

Accompanied by the Minister for Small Scale Industries and Public Enterprises, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, Dr. Mahadevappa visited the proposed site of the Unity Mall yesterday to gain insights into this grand project. Officials informed the Minister that the Karnataka Commerce and Industries Department will oversee this project, which is fully funded by the Central Government.

The Unity Mall will house stores designed to resemble traditional crafts and handicrafts outlets, featuring GI Tag products. These outlets will align with the 'one district, one destination' promotion strategy, as explained to the Minister.

Each mall will have 36 commercial spaces, one for each State/Union Territory of the nation, to promote and sell at least one or more 'One District One Product.' Commercial spaces designated for other States will have uniform floor space, including one stall for each district of the host State.

Dr. Mahadevappa said One District, One Product concept should aid rural artisans of Karnataka, generating employment and enhancing the marketability of high-quality indigenous goods.

"The project serves as a hub for traditional and cultural activities and promotes the sale of products from each district. It is aimed at fostering the development of a fair and competitive marketplace for each district and expertly marketing their products," he noted.

Instructing the officials, he underscored the need to create a marketplace where one district stands out from another and where skilful marketing would attract tourists from all over India and abroad to the Unity Mall. Karnataka Exhibition Authority CEO Rajesh G. Gowda and other officials were present.

Samoohika Pitru Tarpana on Oct. 14

Mysuru, Oct. 8- Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Mysuru has organised Samoohika Pitru Tarpana (Mass ritual) on account of Mahalaya Amavasye on Oct. 14 at 10.30 am at Vaikunta Bhavana, Shantivana near underbridge, Mahatma Gandhi (MG) Road in the city.

The rituals will be conducted under the supervision of Veda Brahma Sri Srinath Shastri and Veda Brahma Sri Venkata Krishna Shastri.

Interested trimathastha Brahmins must enrol their names four days in advance at the office of Kalyana Bhavan, Thyagaraja Road, KR Mohalla during office hours from 9.30 am to 1 pm or 5 pm to 8 pm.

For more details contact Phone: 0821-2446498 or Mobile: 8496070311, according to a press release from the office of V. Sudarshana, Manager of Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Zoo to remain open on Tuesdays

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Mysuru, and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open for public on Tuesdays (Oct. 17 and 24) on account of Mysuru Dasara festivities. The student concession from Oct. 15 to 29, has been cancelled. Visitors are requested to enter the Zoo through the underpass for smooth entry and specially abled visitors can use the Zoo staff gate next to the main entrance, says a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Skill training at RUDSET Institute

RUDSET Institute, located at Hinkal on Hunsur Road, Mysuru, has invited applications from unemployed persons (men and women) aged between 18 and 45 years, for admission to skill training classes in Jute-bag Making, Computerised Accounting /Tally and Tailoring for women. While the training for Jute-bag Making is of 13 days duration starting from Oct. 26, the same for Computerised Accounting/ Tally (starts from Oct. 25) and Tailoring for women (starts from Nov. 6) is 30 days, according to a press release. The applicants must be able to read and write Kannada. For registration and further details, contact Ph: 0821-2519663 or 94498-60466 or 87468-03006, according to a press release from the Institute.

Calling beneficiaries

The Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from eligible beneficiaries for availing benefits under 8 different schemes, which include student scholarship, Unemployment allowance, child care allowance etc. The applications can be submitted online through the website ***https://sevasindhuservices.karnataka.gov.in***. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2490333.

Training for Nursing Care Assistant

International Human Development and Upliftment Academy (IHDUA), in association with HCG, will be conducting a training for 'Nursing Care Assistant' in the city. The training is for a period of 120 days (four months) and is reserved for SSLC pass or fail students or with equivalent qualification or those students who couldn't pursue education. Equal opportunity is given for both male and female candidates on first come first serve basis. For further information, contact Ph: 0821-2302045 or Mob: 87628-50960, according to a press release.

Mysuru sex worker's murder: HC reverses accused's acquittal, imposes life sentence

Bengaluru, Oct. 8- The Karnataka High Court (HC) recently convicted a Mandya resident of murdering a sex worker at a lodge in the vicinity of Mysuru Sub-Urban Bus Stand on Sept. 18, 2010, reversing the acquittal order passed by a Sessions Court.

The convict is K.C. Girisha, a resident of Kommeerahalli village in Mandya district.

The HC also sentenced him to seven years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000 for robbing the sex worker before committing the murder. All sentences shall run concurrently, the Court said.

The HC directed K.C. Girisha (convict) to surrender before the Sessions Court within 45 days. Of the total fine amount of Rs. 40,000, Rs. 35,000 is to be paid to the child of the deceased woman and the remaining Rs. 5,000 to the State Government.

About the case

On Sept. 18, 2010, when the victim was soliciting customers on SR Road in Mysuru, Girisha brought her to a lodge abutting the Sub-Urban Bus Stand in an autorickshaw.

Girisha, who introduced themselves as husband and wife, who had come on a temple visit, registered his name as Ravi in the lodge register and took a room. They had food and drinks served to the room that night. After having sex, Girisha reportedly strangled the woman with her saree, took her gold ear studs, a cellphone, some cash and quietly left the lodge.

After the murder came to light, jurisdictional Lashkar Police investigated the matter and filed a chargesheet. But the VII Additional Sessions Judge in Mysuru acquitted the accused on Apr. 25, 2016.

Questioning the Sessions Court order, Lashkar Police submitted a review petition to the High Court. A Division Bench of Justice H.B. Prabhakara Sastry and Justice Anil B. Katti confirmed the order of acquittal on rape charges, but sentenced him to life imprisonment for murder and rigorous imprisonment for robbery.

The Bench upheld the acquittal order *vis-a-vis* Section 376 of IPC (rape) and noted: "Merely because the deceased was said to be a sex worker, it is not safe to conclude that the accused had subjected her to rape prior to committing murder."

The Bench noted that recovery of cellphone and ear studs showed the motive of the accused was to rob the woman.

The Bench then sentenced Girisha to life sentence and fined him.

Car topples after hitting bike atop Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Oct. 8- A car toppled after ramming into a bike atop Chamundi Hill on Thursday night.

The car was coming down the hill and when it was proceeding near Devikere, the car hit a bike resulting in the car driver losing control of the car which toppled and hit a roadside electric pole.

Four persons have sustained injuries in the accident and have been admitted to a hospital. Luckily no loss of lives has taken place and both the vehicles have been damaged, said Siddarthanagar Traffic Inspector Yogesh.

Drunk driving checks to be intensified twice a week

25 to 30 cases being registered in city daily

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (RK&KS)- With Dasara round the corner, Traffic Police, who are conducting checking for various traffic violations will be conducting drunk driving checking twice a week across the city.

Drunk driving checking is being conducted on every Wednesdays and Saturdays and in case there is bandobust duty on Wednesday, checking for drunk driving is being conducted on Thursday. An average of 25 to 30 cases pertaining to driving under the influence of alcohol is being registered daily and the Police are seizing the vehicles and Driving Licence (DL) of drivers and riders besides issuing notices.

The Police are releasing the seized vehicles only when the offenders produce the receipt of the fine paid by them in Court.

The Traffic Police are conducting checking from 8 pm to 11 pm at various places across the city including Manipal Hospital Junction, LIC Circle, Milk Dairy Circle in Siddarthanagar, Karanji Lake junction on Lalitha Mahal Road, near the Vegetable Market on M.G. Road, Old RMC Circle on Sayyaji Rao Road, near old DC Office, Kukkarahalli Lake Junction on Bogadi Road, near Aishwarya Petrol Bunk on Hunsur Road, Ring Road near Hinkal and Royal Inn Junction on KRS Road.

Unidentified body found

Saragur, Oct. 8- Saragur Police on Oct. 1 have found the body of an unidentified man in the backwaters of Kabini Right Bank Canal near Gonthalahundi village in the taluk and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged between 30 and 35 years, 5.6 ft. tall, normal built and was wearing a red shorts and a black and yellow coloured full arm T-shirt.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Saragur Police Station on Ph: 08228-265542 or Mob: 94808-05064, according to a press release.

Girl ends life

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (RK&KS)- A 23-year-old girl has committed suicide by hanging self at her residence in city on Wednesday.

The deceased girl is Sudhalakshmi, a resident of Chamundipuram. Sudhalakshmi, who was pursuing her Engineering course at a private college it city, found the subjects to be difficult and had left the course. She then joined a college at Ujire in Dakshina Kannada and was pursuing Naturopathy and Yoga course. It is learnt that here too, Sudhalakshmi found the subjects tough and had come back home.

On Wednesday, when her parents had gone out, she committed suicide by hanging self.

Vidyaranyapuram Police Inspector Nagegowda and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem. The Police, also found a death note, which stated that no one was responsible for her death.

Post-mortem was conducted on Thursday and the body was handed over to the family members.

Lokayukta to hear public grievances

Mysuru, Oct. 8- The Karnataka Lokayukta Police will be visiting the following districts at 11 am on Oct. 11 to hear public complaints and grievances:

Tahsildar Office in Mini Vidhana Soudha, Nazarbad, Mysuru; Government Guest House in Chamarajanagar town and Tahsildar Office in Somwarpet, Kodagu.

The members of the public can file complaints regarding inordinate delay in works in Government Offices, demand for bribe etc., according to a press release issued by Lokayukta SP.

Day-2 of Yuva Sambhrama leaves audience spellbound

A recreation of climax scene of 'Kantara' movie by specially-abled students of Karunamayi Foundation turns out to be the show-stopper

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (MK&BS)- The second-day of Dasara Yuva Sambhrama at Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, in the city last evening offered myriad themes highlighting the richness of Kannada land and language, folk tradition, art, literature and national integrity topped by the slogan of 'Jai Kisan', all in the form of dance-dramas.

Students of St. Mary's PU College, H.D. Kote, Government First Grade College, Bharathinagar, Maddur, Government PU College, Bilikere and several other colleges showcased the grandeur of the land.

While the students of Sri Maddaneshwara Government First Grade College, Kabbalii, Gundlupet, D. Banumaiah's Commerce and Arts College, Mysuru, Government PU College, Nagamangala, Mandya, Bharathi College, Bharathinagar, Maddur, performed various folk art forms like *Dollu Kunita, Puja Kunita, Veeragase* and *Kamsale*.

A dance-ballet titled 'Sanghatane Hagu Sahabalveye Shakti' (Organisation and living in harmony is the power) by the students of Government Home Science College for Women, Holenarsipur, Government Polytechnic College, Ramanagara and MCM First Grade College, University of Mysore, cast a spell among the audience spreading the spirit of national integrity.

Jai Kisan slogan echoed louder with the dance-drama presented by the students of Jnanabandhu Vidyalaya, Devegowdana Koppal, Pandavapura and Government PU College, Karimuddanahalli.

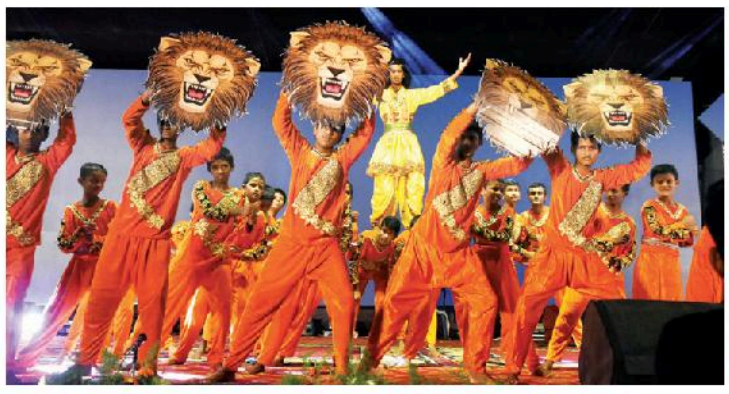
The valour of Kittur Rani Chennamma and freedom fighter Sangolli Rayanna that immensely contributed to country's Freedom Movement was also retold by the students of Vijaya First Grade College, Pandavapura. The specially-abled students of Sairanga Free Deaf Boys Residential School, Bannimantap 'B' Layout introduced the history of emperor Ashoka, while the students of Bharatiya Samskriti Vidyapith, Ijoor, Ramanagara, highlighted the significance of 'Gender Equality.'

'The Grandeur of Dasara' by the students of Om Sri Niketan Composite PU College, Srirangapatna and 'Krishnavathara' by Sri Chayadevi B.Ed College, Rajendra Nagar, also enthralled the gathering.

A recreation of climax of Sandalwood's blockbuster movie 'Kantara', by the specially-abled students of Karunamayi Foundation, Mysuru, was indeed the show-stopper, leaving the audience spellbound.

The dance performance for 'Varaha Roopam' song that forms the climax of the movie, struck a chord with the audience.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth and Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar presented the memento to the students who lit up the evening with their dance performances.



Fire breaks out at ghee unit of ManMUL plant, Mandya

Mandya, Oct. 8 (Mohan Raj)- In an early morning incident, fire broke out in ManMUL (Mandya District Co-operative Milk Union Limited) at Gejjalagere on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road today.

The fire broke out at about 7 am at the ghee manufacturing and packing unit of mega dairy plant at Gejjalagere in Maddur taluk, which was inaugurated by Union Minister for Home and Co-operation Amit Shah only in December last.

Soon as the fire broke out, fire tenders from Mandya rushed to the spot and the fire-fighting staff succeeded in dousing out the fire, before it could engulf the entire Plant, it is learnt. Initial investigation into the fire mishap, suggested that the fire broke out due to an electric short circuit in the plant.

However, the fire mishap, that occurred within a year of the inauguration of the Plant, has raised suspicions, as the ManMUL management is tight lipped about the incident. Press persons were stopped at the entrance gate of the Plant and not allowed inside the premises, as per the instructions of the ManMUL President, Directors and the Managing Director, it is learnt.

Press persons, who were upset with the management's action, entered into a verbal argument with the top brass of ManMUL. The argument, which went on for more than half-an-hour, finally ended with an apology by the ManMUL President and MD, following which press persons were allowed inside the Plant.

STAR OF MYSORE exclusive Dasara interview with MCC Commissioner

Talks on to enhance heritage arches; operate fountains

Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff, a native of Mysuru, has been leading the charge as Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner to make Mysuru Dasara-ready. He is cut out for the job considering that he is specialised in managing Municipal Administrations. After passing his competitive exams in 2004, he was selected for the Karnataka Municipal Administrative Services (KMAS).

Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff's career began as the Chief Officer of Gundlupet in 2007, followed by roles as the Commissioner of Madikeri Urban Development Authority and the Commissioner of Tumakuru City Corporation.

Shariff also served as the Managing Director and CEO of Davanagere Smart City, where he earned accolades for its first-place ranking among Smart Cities in Karnataka and tenth place nationwide.

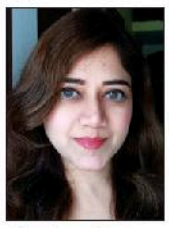
Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff also held positions as Project Director in Mysuru and Joint Director (Swachh Bharat Mission) at the Directorate of Municipal Administration in Bengaluru. He was posted as the Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner in July earlier this year.

***Star of Mysore* Special Correspondent Shadan Muneer had the opportunity to speak with the MCC Commissioner to gain insights into his ideas, accomplishments and personal life.** *Excerpts.* **—Ed**

By Shadan Muneer

Star of Mysore (SOM): Could you share your journey and the factors that inspired your career growth?

Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff: I spent my childhood in a village and attended school in Kabini Colony, H.D. Kote. We later moved to Mysuru, where I completed my PUC and earned an engineering degree from Mandya.



Shadan Muneer

Initially, I worked as a Police Officer in Bengaluru for four years and then I passed the competitive exams, securing a position in the KMAS (Karnataka Municipal Administrative Services). I began my administrative career in 2007 as a Chief Officer and have been serving in the administration, working with five different Municipal Corporations ever since.

SOM: You are at the helm of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) during the crucial Dasara festival. How are you managing and implementing development works in preparation for the festival?

Shariff: The MCC has already initiated numerous projects to beautify the city, including road repairs and re-lay damaged road sections. Other efforts include enhancing parks, re-painting landmark structures, heritage buildings and prominent circles, fixing non-functional streetlights and repairing footpaths.

As a team, we are also dedicated to ensuring the city is spotless in preparation for the 10-day extravaganza. Special inspections have been conducted to identify areas requiring extra attention.

SOM: What additional preparations are being made this year to give the city a facelift?

Shariff: The multi-level parking complex near the Town Hall, capable of accommodating 500 cars, will be opened this year. We have consulted with a heritage experts' team to enhance heritage arches, along with efforts to maintain and operate fountains. Permanent illumination for some prominent Circles is also in the works.

Mysuru will shine bright as the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) plans to illuminate about 135 kilometres of roads and 119 Circles. However, this year's Nada Habba Dasara celebrations will be scaled down due to drought conditions.

SOM: With an increase in tourist influx during Dasara, handling additional waste and garbage is a concern. What measures are in place to manage this?

Shariff: During the festive period, civic workers have been put on round-the-clock duty with increased shifts. We plan to hire an additional 395 civic workers exclusively for Dasara to keep the city clean and hygienic.

These workers will be assigned to various packages and stationed at Dasara venues and tourist spots, including the Aahara Mela, Yuva Dasara, Flower Show, exhibition grounds, Chamundi Hill, Mysore Palace and other locations that attracts large crowds.

Meanwhile our regular Pourakarmikas, numbering 2,100, will continue to maintain cleanliness across all 65 Wards in their respective areas. Machinery will be utilised to clean manholes and drainage lines. Night cleaning machines will be deployed to keep the city clean without disturbing daytime traffic.

SOM: Mysuru is the second city in the country certified for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in handling plastic waste. What steps are being taken to maintain this recognition and how can citizens get more involved?

Shariff: Indeed, MCC is the second city in the country to be certified for recycling 11 metric tons of plastic waste, turning multilayer plastic waste into useful products and recycling single-use plastic into tiles, benches and other products. We are planning to implement several new technologies to advance EPR.

Additionally, we intend to collect expired drugs for proper disposal. We have already taken measures to discourage the use of plastic bags and educated the public on waste segregation to keep the city plastic-free. Public participation and co-operation are crucial to our efforts to make the city plastic-free.

SOM: Mysuru was ranked as the 'Cleanest City of India,' but it has slipped in the ranking in recent years. What are your plans to reclaim the top spot?

Shariff: Mysuru was ranked as the Number 1 cleanest medium city (population between 3 and 10 lakh) and currently holds the fifth spot in the overall cleanest city survey. Previous officers and Pourakarmikas have worked tirelessly to improve our ranking but without public co-operation we cannot achieve the first spot.

We have implemented various initiatives to educate citizens about waste management and conducted awareness programmes. Cleanliness, waste segregation, proper disposal of medical waste is essential to regain the top spot.

SOM: Unauthorised flex boards and banners have become an eyesore and are marring the beauty of the city. How do you propose to curb this menace?

Shariff: We have instructed the MCC Zonal Commissioners to take up the steps required to maintain Mysuru as a 'flex free city' in tune with its heritage status. Unauthorised installation of hoardings, banners and publicity materials have already been prohibited. In case of violation, penalty will be levied against the persons responsible as per the Supreme Court orders.

We are planning to provide a different platform as an alternative and are considering to install digital boards and big electronic screens in particular zones to maintain the ambience of the city.

SOM: What best practices do you intend to implement for Mysuru's development during your tenure?

Shariff: Our focus will be on cleanliness and sanitation. Apart from that, building upon the Smart City initiatives in Tumakuru and Davanagere, we plan to introduce digital libraries in Mysuru, benefiting the middle class and less privileged individuals and providing easy access to the internet. We are also working to ensure sustainable electric energy by installing solar power sources.

To enhance administrative efficiency, we will implement CCTV cameras for monitoring and surveillance. We have also applied for e-offices to speed up the work; addressing and responding to the requirements and complaints of the public is something that I am aiming at.

SOM: How do you manage to stay stress-free despite your gruelling schedule?

Shariff: I have a passion for cricket and am part of a cricket academy in Rajivnagar, where I live. I also enjoy watching movies in various languages with my family and I'm passionate about gardening. Spending quality time with my two daughters is a source of joy for me, even with my busy schedule.

Since I'm passionate about my work and have been a specialised Municipal Services Officer for many years, I've become accustomed to the pressures and responsibilities that come with it.

Cleaning chandelier at Palace

A worker cleaning a chandelier at Durbar Hall of Mysore Palace on the eve of assembling of golden throne this morning, as Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and others look on. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Surge in online fraud

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Canada job offer scam

In a separate job scam, C.E. Jeevan, a 27-year-old from Katakeri village in Madikeri taluk, Kodagu District, fell prey to scammers who promised job opportunities in Canada through Facebook advertisements.

He was asked to pay Rs. 2.70 lakhs as processing fees to secure the job and obtain a visa. After making the payment and conducting inquiries, Jeevan discovered the fraudulent nature of the scheme and reported it to the Kodagu district Cyber Police Station.

Lure of lottery prize

A farmer named Narun Chengappa from Churikadu village near Kutta in Kodagu District received a call from a 'junior manager' at a bank, who claimed he had won a lottery. The 58-year-old Narun was instructed to update his bank account information to claim the prize.

Believing the call was genuine, Narun shared his bank details, only to later discover that Rs. 4,49,500 had been fraudulently deducted from his account.

Promises never delivered

Twenty-eight-year-old Bhavana from Srimangala village in Kodagu was defrauded of Rs. 11.63 lakh by scammers who contacted her via Telegram. They offered her various tasks, including Google reviews, promising significant profits upon completion.

Initially investing Rs. 3,000 for a task, Bhavana received Rs. 7,800 in return. Believing in the scheme, she continued to invest and ended up transferring a total of Rs. 11,63,594. Unfortunately, she later realised that the promised profits were never delivered.

These incidents serve as stark reminders of the need for caution and due diligence when engaging in online activities. The Police have advised people to be wary of offers that seem too good to be true and to avoid sharing sensitive financial information with unknown individuals or platforms.

Mysuru-by-night will be this Dasara highlight

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The decorative lights will illuminate the city from 7 pm to 10 pm, providing ample time for the public to leisurely soak in the grandeur of the Heritage City. Compared to the last four years, this year's lighting will be bigger and better *(see table)*.

The Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited has been entrusted with the responsibility of illuminating Mysuru. This year, CESC has estimated that a fund of Rs. 6.64 crore is exclusively required for this purpose. The illumination calendar for this year will commence on Oct. 15 and continue until Nov. 4, spanning 21 days.

The goal is to attract tourists from all corners of the country by adorning the city with mesmerising lights, spanning from the Central Business District (CBD) to Chamundi Hill and the city's outskirts, covering a distance of 148.21 kilometres.

Intensive preparations are in full swing to transform the city's main roads, 129 circles and junctions into incredibly attractive displays of decorative lighting. Notable roads in the CBD such as JLB Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road, Ashoka Road, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Dhanvanthri Road, Chamaraja Double, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Albert Victor Road, surrounding roads of the Mysore Palace, Hunsur Road, Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road and Lalitha Mahal Road will be adorned with decorative lights, providing an opportunity for people to drive along the illuminated streets to savour the experience leisurely.

In addition to these illuminations, significant landmarks of the city, including K.R. Circle, Palace North Gate, Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle (Hardinge Circle), Nehru Circle, Gandhi Square, Government Ayurveda College Circle, Dasappa Circle, Metropole Circle, MUDA Circle, Ramaswamy Circle, RTO Circle, Agrahara Circle, Sanskrit Pathshala Circle, Five Light Circle, Fountain Circle, LIC Circle, Moulana Abul Kalam Circle, Old RMC Yard Circle, Manipal Hospital Junction, Royal Inn Junction, Akashvani Circle and Vontikoppal Circle will be brightly lit and radiate with decorative lights.

Bigger and better lighting

Roads	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Roads in kms	101 km	56 km	113.96 km	135.21 km	148.21 km
Circles	102	48	89	119	129
Giant structures	41	16	28	30	33
Green Pendal, welcome arches	37	15	23	40	44
Estimated cost	Rs. 4.35 cr.	Rs. 3.36 cr.	Rs. 4.37 cr.	Rs. 6.3 cr.	Rs. 6.63 cr.
Kilo Watt	2,390	1,969	1,594	2,908	3,199
Units	1,07,550	88,605	1,14,768	1,30,874	1,43,961

Moreover, 33 sculptures and 44 arches, including the Green Pendal and representations of the State Government's five guarantee schemes - Gruha Lakshmi, Stree Shakthi, Anna Bhagya, Gruha Jyothi and Yuva Nidhi, will be prominently displayed. A stunning 3D sculpture of the Sri Chennakeshava Temple in Somnathpur, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will take centre stage.

CESC will go the extra mile by showcasing sculptures commemorating the Chandrayaan-3 Mission's successful landing, Kannadaambe and the Preamble of the Indian Constitution in this year's Dasara decorative lighting.

Adding to the grandeur, statues of the former Mysuru rulers, including Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Kempananjammani Devi, Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar and Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar will be brilliantly illuminated. Faces of Jnanpith Awardees of Karnataka will also be featured prominently.

Massive welcome arches, green pandals and 'Suswagata' (Welcome) signs atop the Chamundi Hill have been strategically placed to welcome visitors arriving in Mysuru warmly.

DGP to review Dasara security in city tomorrow

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In preparation for the DG&IGP's meeting, the City Police Commissioner is convening a session today with DCPs, ACPs and Inspectors to discuss general security measures, crime rates, traffic violations and internal security arrangements.

Typically, to ensure a safe and trouble-free Dasara, numerous additional Police personnel from various districts are deployed in the city for security.

Accommodations and meals for these personnel are arranged at Kalyana Mantaps, schools, hotels and hostels.

Obituary

Nasir Ahmed Khan

Mysuru, Oct. 8- Nasir Ahmed Khan (53), a social worker and a resident of Syed Abdul Rehman Road in Udayagiri, passed away early this morning following cardiac arrest.

He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, seven brothers, a sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed at Quba Masjid on Syed Abdul Rehman Road in Udayagiri here this afternoon, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Ground near Tippu Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road later.

Australia win toss, elect to bat first against India

Mysuru, Oct. 8- Australia won the toss and opted to bat first against hosts India in the fifth match of the ICC One-Day International (ODI) World Cup-2023, at the M.A. Chidambaram stadium in Chennai this afternoon.

Hosts India and defending champions Australia begin their campaign in the ICC World Cup with this match.

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Increase Karnataka's forest cover to 33%: CM

69th Wildlife Week concludes, people striving to save green cover felicitated

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (SBD&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah urged the Forest Department to take measures to increase the forest cover from the current 22 percent to the recommended 33 percent. He emphasised that conserving forest areas and wildlife is a collective responsibility, and the Forest Department plays a crucial role in this endeavour.

Addressing the valedictory of the 69th Wildlife Week organised by the Forest Department at the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) in the city last evening, the Chief Minister highlighted the primary objective of Wildlife Week, which is to protect forest areas and wildlife. He stressed the close connection between human survival and forest preservation, stating that ecological balance dictates that forests should cover 33 percent of the land, but currently, only 22 percent is forested.

Siddharamaiah pointed out that deforestation driven by human greed has posed a threat to wildlife and the environment. He highlighted the multiple benefits of increasing forest cover, including improved rainfall and enhanced farm productivity. Despite the reduced forested area, Karnataka leads in elephant numbers and ranks second in tiger numbers.

The Chief Minister urged the Forest Department to ensure the survival and growth of saplings planted each year to expand the forest cover. He expressed concerns about the stagnant forest growth despite a 70 percent survival rate and called for an audit on tree plantation to assess the situation.

In addressing human-wildlife conflicts, a 312-km railway barrier was previously erected during his earlier tenure as Chief Minister. However, he noted that the previous BJP Government failed to extend the barricading to the targeted 640-km. These barriers are designed to deter animals from entering human settlements while searching for food and water. Siddharamaiah assured the Government's commitment to providing food and water in forest areas.

The Western Ghats, known for its biodiversity with diverse plant and animal species, was highlighted as an important habitat. Siddharamaiah underlined the need for forest officials to develop a deep affection for these areas, build trust with communities residing on the fringes of forests, and collaborate in conservation efforts.

Single-use plastic-free Mysuru

Furthermore, Siddharamaiah announced that Mysuru has been identified as the first city in the State to become free from single-use plastic. Plans are in place to make Mysuru, a cultural hub of Karnataka, a single-use plastic-free city, and he sought the support of various stakeholders, Government departments, agencies, and the public to achieve this goal. He emphasised the environmental and wildlife risks posed by single-use plastics and encouraged the search for alternatives.

Minister for Forests and Environment Eshwar Khandre reported that 5.06 crore saplings will be planted this year with a target of 10 crore saplings for the next year, implementing the Government's vision to increase the forest cover to 33 percent, starting from Mysuru.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and MLA Tanveer Sait also spoke. MLAs Darshan Dhruvanarayan, Anil Chikkamadu, T.S. Srivatsa, and Ravishankar, Mayor Shivakumar, Deputy Mayor Dr. D. Roopa, MLCs Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Manje Gowda, and senior forest officials including Additional Chief Secretary Jawaid Akhtar, Principal Chief Conservators of Forests Brijesh Kumar Dixit and Subhash K. Malkhede, Mysuru Circle Chief Conservator of Forests Dr. Malathi Priya and DCF Saurabh Kumar were present at the event.

Wildlife Ambulance launched

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah inaugurated Karnataka's first wildlife ambulance, a vital resource for treating and transporting injured or rescued wild animals. The ambulance is operated by the Leopard Task Force and is fully equipped to handle wildlife-related emergencies.

Its functions include rescuing, transporting and providing medical care to injured, sick or distressed wild animals. The vehicle is equipped with specialised facilities and equipment to ensure the safe handling of various wildlife species and offer initial medical assistance when required.

During the event, the CM also visited a stall set up by the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, where products made from the forest weed lantana by tribal communities were showcased.

He explored exhibits from the Forest Department, which displayed equipment used for patrolling, crime prevention and the detection of forest offenses. These items included night-vision binoculars, radio tracking devices, GPS chips, firearms and other ammunition.

Siddharamaiah participated in the release of a postal cover featuring Kokkare Bellur. He also unveiled a scientific report about the Kokkare Bellur area and released documentaries highlighting Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary and Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Additionally, a documentary on the role of railway barricades in mitigating elephant attacks was released during the event.

MCC to generate revenue from private bus stand

During Dasara inspection, Commissioner asks officers to formulate a revenue model for this prime space

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (RK&BCT)- With Dasara inauguration nearing, a team of officers from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) conducted an inspection starting from the Town Hall premises and continuing to the FTS Circle on Saturday.

They covered the entire Rajamarga, which stretches from the Palace to Bannimantap, overseeing the ongoing Dasara development works.

Led by MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff, the purpose of the inspection was to supervise various works on the Rajamarga, including cleaning, footpath rectification, retrieval of fallen balustrades and illumination among others.

The inspection commenced from Town Hall, where the MCC plans to temporarily open the multi-level parking facility ahead of Dasara.

The team then proceeded to Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle, also known as the Hardinge Circle, where works to illuminate the Circle were underway.

The team moved towards K.R. Circle, extending to the Ayurveda College Circle and examined the footpath and underground drainage (UGD) projects that were in progress near K.R. Hospital. Once the footpath is reconstructed following the UGD work, this area will be available for spectators to witness the Dasara procession up close.

MCC Commissioner Shariff directed the development officers and MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Somashekhar to devise a plan for generating revenue from the prime space occupied by the private bus stand on Seshadri Iyer Road near RMC.

Despite the MCC providing all necessary facilities for the bus stand, including shelter, it is not generating any revenue.

The Commissioner emphasised that the lack of a revenue model has resulted in the underutilisation of the bus stand's extensive space.

During the inspection, the team covered various areas, including the Old RMC Yard, New Sayyaji Rao Road, the spectator gallery and reached Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle. They also evaluated the development projects undertaken at LIC Circle in Bannimantap and the FTS Circle, where the inspection concluded.

Present during the inspection were MCC Superintending Engineer K.T. Sindhu, Executive Engineers Nagaraj and Mahesh, Senior Health Officer Dr. N.P. Venkatesh, Development Officers and Environment Engineers from respective zones.

'An Earthy Ode to Teeyee... Teweet...' documentary to hit global screens

Shot at R.T. Nagar in Mysuru, it is a poignant portrayal of challenges faced by wildlife in today's modern world

Dr. Lokesh Mosale

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (BCT)- In a remarkable achievement for Mysuru's thriving film industry, the documentary "An Earthy Ode to Teeyee... Teweet..." has garnered international acclaim and recognition.

This selection firmly places Mysuru's film industry on the global stage while highlighting the pressing need for wildlife conservation in our rapidly changing world.

Filmed amidst the picturesque landscapes of Mysuru, specifically at the fledgling R.T. Nagar Layout, this 37-minute wildlife documentary has earned prestigious spots at international film festivals and screenings worldwide, including New York, Boston, Naples (USA), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Yayan City (China).

Notably, the film is the winner of the Indo-French International Film Festival at Pondicherry, an international platform for all filmmakers beyond language barriers across the globe.

Directed by Mysuru-based wildlife photographer Dr. Lokesh Mosale, this cinematic masterpiece will captivate audiences at the Wildlife Conservation Film Festival in New York, running from Oct. 19 to Oct. 29, 2023.

The film is receiving acclaim for its poignant portrayal of the challenges faced by wildlife in today's modern world.

"An Earthy Ode to Teeyee... Teweet..." is set to hit the screens in several other renowned cities worldwide. In Boston, it will be showcased at the Pearl Street Screening Room from Nov. 13 to Nov. 15 as part of a prestigious film festival.

In Naples, Florida the Rookery Bay Environmental Education Centre will host screenings of this film and others from Jan. 16 to Jan. 23, 2024, followed by engaging Q&A sessions and discussions with the filmmakers.

The festival's final two days include visits to various natural reserves, including Everglades National Park, Ten Thousand Island and Tigertail Beach. Selected directors will be a part of the tours.

Further international recognition awaits as "An Earthy Ode to Teeyee... Teweet..." has been invited to participate in the 15th International Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival from Oct. 19 to Oct. 26, an event organised by the National Film Development Corporation Malaysia.

The film has also been selected for screening and competition at the International Green Film Week in Yayan City, China, from Oct. 21 to Oct. 27. This festival enjoys the patronage of the State Administration of Press Public Relation Radio Film and Television in China and is renowned as the 'China Ya'an International Panda, Animal and Nature Film Festival' in Ya'an, Sichuan Province.

The film sheds light on the struggle for survival faced by wildlife due to urbanisation, addressing the broader global issue of habitat loss. It transcends the challenges faced by wildlife and birds in the emerging layouts of Mysuru to reflect the worldwide struggles of fragile nature and its inhabitants in new human habitats.

Originally in the Kannada language, the film has been expertly crafted with script and cinematography by Dr. Lokesh Mosale, compilation and editing by M.N. Swamy, sound design (soundscape) by Babu Eshwar Prasad, cinematic narration by K.T. Krishnakant and subtitles by Kavikamalakar Bhat.

Playback singing is by Pichchalli Srinivas, with poetry lines taken from 'Bhoomigeetha' by Gopalakrishna Adiga. The film has been produced by Dhananjay Basavaraj and Nandish Bilikere under the Gravity One Productions banner in Mysuru.

As it continues to gain international recognition, "An Earthy Ode to Teeyee... Teweet..." will be screened as part of the Dasara Film Festival from Oct. 16 to 22 at Inox, Mall of Mysore on M.G. Road in the city.

Mega Bridal make-up contest on Oct.10

Mysuru, Oct. 8 (GA&DM)- The Mysuru Beauticians Welfare Association in association with Bengaluru's Count On Us Academy, will be conducting a Mega Bridal Make-up contest at 10.30 am on Oct.10 at Hotel President on B-N Road in the city.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, the Mysuru Beauticians Welfare Association President Vedavathi N.Rai said that "South Indian actress and Danseuse Sai Jyothi will inaugurate the event. International Womens Circle President Namratha Shenoy will be the chief guest. Celebrity Bollywood Make-up artist Alka Rajgor will deliver a talk, she said.

Pointing out that make-up artists from across the State can take part in the contest, Vedavathi said there is an entry fee. For Registration and more details, call: 9886 6 08022/ 99455 17399.

The Association office-bearers M.A.Sabeena, M. Manjula, members Pratibha Shetty, R. Malini and Ahalya were present at the press meet.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 8)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 19th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Prajwal Karate Dojo (PKD):** 7th Anniversary and Black Belt Awarding Ceremony, Mysore Royal Family Members Yaduveer Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Educator Captain Audrey Maben chief guests, Kyoshi N.G. Sivdas - Sensai of the Event, Mysore University Yoga Hall, Chamarajapuram, **4 pm.**
- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly meeting to discuss 'How we the people can contribute to build a vibrant NGO in Mysuru,' #6/1 Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150]
- **Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha, Veerashaiva Lingayata Sangha Samsthegalu and Basava Balagagala Okkuta, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Basava Jayanti celebrations, Tumakuru Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Swamiji and Sri Kshetra Devanur Seer Sri Mahantha Swamiji will grace the occasion, President of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha Dr. Shamanur Shivashankarappa presides, book 'Karnataka Sharana Kathamrutha' will be released by Kundur Mutt's Dr. Sharath Chandra Swamiji, former Minister V. Somanna delivers the valedictory address, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha chief guests, Actor Daali Dhananjaya will also be present, Danseuse Dr. Kripa Phadke and troupe will perform a dance ballet 'Vachana Vybhava,' Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Shivarampet, Vinoba Road, Mysuru:** Sri Mahaganapathi Puja Mahothsava, materials distribution to visually impaired, specially abled, home for aged and orphanages along with Deaf and Dumb School, Nagarajan, Managing Director, Mypol, Mysuru, chief guest, C.V. Parthasarathy special invitee, **5 pm;** Cultural programme, Devaranama Sankeerthana by Parimala and Poornima, accompanied by Vid. Tumkur Yashaswi on violin and Vid. Prahladarao on mridanga, Rama Mandira premises, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99000-29463]
- **Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** Prof. Balagopala Varma Memorial English Theatre Festival for College students, staging of play 'Othello: A Modern Rendition' by De Paul College, **5 pm;** Staging of play 'Macbeth' by MMK&SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99640-38916 or 98864-57987]
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti (Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt):** Discourse by Pt. Sri Kapilacharya Galagali on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 12,' Mutt premises, Jayalaksmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashale, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Theatre Training Camp and staging of play 'Gandaskatri' (directed by C. Vinod), State Women's Commission former Chairperson and poetess Manjula Manasa launches the play, Negilayogi Samaja Seva Trust President D. Ravikumar presides, Adamya Rangashale Hon. Secretary T. Sathish Javaregowda speaks, Vijayanagar Sub-Division ACP G.S. Gajendra Prasad distributes certificates, Kuvempu Rangamandira, Vivekananda PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Srimate Sharadadevi.' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** 'Gita Jnana Yajna,' chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaama Stotram, **6 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on 'Karmasanyasa Yoga' (Bhagavad Gita's 5th Chapter) by Swami Dattapadanandaji, Chinmaya Mission, Sri Rama Kshetra, #92, 5th Main Road, Sarvajanika Hostel Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm to 8 pm**.
- **Surabhi Ganakala Mandira:** Veena concert as part of birth centenary celebrations of Veena exponent Vid. M.J. Sreenivasa Iyengar, Veena Duet by veteran artistes Vidu. Revathi Srinivasan and Dr. Shobhana Swaminathan from Chennai, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Mini Auditorium of Surabhi, # 1225, 10th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm**.
- **Rangayana:** B.V. Karanth College Rangotsava - 2023 (College Theatre Festival), staging of play 'Othello' by MMK and SDM Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, directed by P. Chandini, translated by K.S. Nissar Ahmed, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Sri Bhagavad Gita Abhiyana, discourse by Pt. Sri Kapilacharya Galagali on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 12,' Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' an adaptation of the essays written by Srinivasa Vaidya, directed by Prashanth Hiremath, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 94488-71815]
- **Rangasourabha, Bengaluru:** Staging of play 'Gangavatarana' (based on Varakavi Dr. Da.Ra. Bendre's life and writings), written and directed by Rajendra Karanth, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30pm.** [Mob: 95353-22196 or 97421-19911]

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 9)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Religious rituals in connection with Sharannavarathri, Dasara-2023 - Assembling the Throne, Palace premises, **10 am to 1 pm.** [Entry closed to public]
- **Bharat Scouts and Guides, Mysuru:** One-day Mysuru Division-level Orientation Camp for First Grade College Lecturers, Collegiate Education Joint Director Vijayalakshmi inaugurates, Bharat Scouts and Guides-State Chief Commissioner PGR Sindhia chief guest, Bharat Scouts and Guides-Mysuru District Chief Commissioner P. Vishwanath presides, Sri Jayachamarajendra Scouts and Guides Centre Office, Mysuru, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti (Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt):** Discourse by Pt. Sri Kapilacharya Galagali on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 12,' Mutt premises, Jayalaksmipuram, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** 'Gita Jnana Yajna,' chanting of Vishnu Sahasranaama Stotram, **6 pm;** Discourse in Kannada on 'Karmasanyasa Yoga' (Bhagavad Gita's 5th Chapter) by Swami Dattapadanandaji, Chinmaya Mission, Sri Rama Kshetra, #92, 5th Main Road, Sarvajanika Hostel Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm to 8 pm**.
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- **Rangayana:** B.V. Karanth College Rangotsava - 2023 (College Theatre Festival), staging of play 'Kulina Kalaga' by La Salette PU College, Mardur, Hunsur, written by Dr. Madhuprakash, directed by A.S. Subhash, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

State U-13 FIDE-Rated Chess Championship winners

Mysuru, Oct. 8- The Karnataka State U-13 Open and Girls Chess Championship 2023, organised by Mysore Chess Centre, Mysuru, under the aegis of Karnataka State Chess Association, was inaugurated recently by D.P. Anantha, President, Karnataka State Chess Association (KSCA), with Karnataka's first Grand Master M.S. Thejkumar by moving the chess pawns and by lighting the lamp.

Aravind Shastri, Secretary, KSCA, Manjunath Jain, Treasurer, KSCA, Vikram Das, Proprietor, Dasaprakash Paradise Hotel, C.K. Muralidharan, Freelance Sports Journalist & office-bearer, MDCA and Nagendra Muralidhar, Vice-President, KSCA and Promoter of Mysore Chess Centre, were present on this occasion.

The three-day Championship attracted more than 300 players from various parts of the State. The Championship was conducted in the Swiss League System consisting of 9 rounds.

The Open Category prize winners (Sathvik Adiga, Siddhanth Poonja and Sushanth Vaman Shetty) and Girl's Category prize winners (Siddhi Rao, Shriyana S. Mallya and Shanjula Senthil) are seen with Mallanna, retd. Professor and Premleela Mallanna, retd. Professor and Founder-Member of Celestial Minds, Vikram Das, Proprietor, Dasprakash Paradise Hotel and Nagendra Muralidhar, Vice-President, KSCA and Promoter of Mysore Chess Centre.

A total of 214 players including 99 FIDE rated players took part in the Open Group. Sathvik Adiga was the top-seeded player with a 1754 rating followed by Siddhanth Poonja (1622) and Aarav Saish Amonker (1611).

In the Girl's group, 89 players participated, Woman Candidate Master (WCM) Shriyana S. Mallya (1502) was the top-seeded player followed by Akshaya Sathi (1,446) and Krupha S. Ukkali.

PRIZE WINNERS

In the Open Category, Siddhanth Poonja of Bengaluru scored 8 points out of 9 rounds. With this, he clinched the Karnataka State Under-13 Open Championship 2023.

Sathvik Adiga of Bengaluru, Sushanth Vaman Shetty of Dakshina Kannada and Bhuvan Krishna Prasanth, who scored 7.5 points with better tie breaks secured 2nd, 3rd and 4th place respectively.

In the Girl's Category at the end of the 9th round, Shriyana S. Mallya of Dakshina Kannada, Siddhi Rao and Shanjula Senthil, both from Bengaluru, scored 7.5 points and on the better tie breaks, Shriyana Mallya clinched Karnataka State U-13 Girls Championship 2023. Siddhi Rao and Shanjula Senthil secured 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

Siddhanth Poonja, Sathvik Adiga, Shriyana S. Mallya, and Siddhi Rao will represent Karnataka in the forthcoming U-13 Nationals to be held at Telangana.

All the prize winners and U-7, U-9 and U-11 players received attractive trophies.

The prizes were distributed by Mallanna, retd. Professor and Premleela Mallanna, retd. Professor and Founder-Member of Celestial Minds. Vikram Das, Proprietor, Dasprakash Paradise Hotel, Nagendra Muralidhar, Vice-President, KSCA and Promoter, Mysore Chess Centre, were present on this occasion.

The Arbiter team, comprising Deputy Chief Arbiter FA Swapna Shivkumar, SNA N. Prashanth, SNA P. Sagar and SNA R.S. Vijaya Kumar worked hard to complete the Championship successfully without any appeal.

Annual Inter Group Competition for Nau Sainik Camp

3 Kar Naval NCC Unit from Mysuru NCC Group emerges Champions

Mysuru, Oct.8- The Annual Inter Group Competition for Nau Sainik Camp, held recently at Udupi, witnessed a thrilling showdown among the Naval NCC units from Karnataka and Goa. This competition serves as the stepping stone for the selection of NCC Cadets to represent their respective States at the All-India Level Competition.

The Inter Group Competition featured an array of adventurous activities, including Boat Pulling Race, Swimming, Drill, Boat rigging, Seamanship practical, Ship modelling, Firing and written exams. A total of 114 NCC Cadets, representing various Naval NCC units from across Karnataka and Goa, showcased their skills and determination.

In an outstanding display of talent and teamwork, the cadets of the 3 Kar Naval NCC unit from Mysuru NCC Group emerged as the Champions, securing the top position among all the Naval NCC units in Karnataka and Goa.

Air Commodore B.S. Kanwar, VSM, Deputy Director General of the Karnataka and Goa Directorate, felicitated the victorious team. He lauded the Cadets for their exceptional performance and dedication.

Air Commodore B.S. Kanwar, VSM, Deputy Director General Karnataka and Goa NCC Directorate, handing over the winning trophy to Commanding Officer 3 Kar Naval NCC, Lieutenant Commander N.R. Ravi.

The selected Cadets will now undergo intensive training for 20 days before heading to Lonavala, Maharashtra, to participate in the prestigious All-India Nau Sainik Camp, scheduled from Oct. 14 to Oct. 25.

Upon their return to Mysuru, the winning team of the 3 Kar Naval NCC unit was congratulated by Col. R.R. Menon, Group Commander of Mysuru Group Headquarter NCC. A celebratory high tea with the cadets was organised at the Group Headquarters, Mysuru, to honour their remarkable victory.

List of cadets who stood first in various events are as follows:

Boat Pulling Race - Senior Division

PO Cdt C. Yashwant (St. Philomena's College), PO Cdt D.M. Darshan (Yuvaraja's College), Cadet Vishal Satya Sai (Yuvaraja's College), Cadet J. Kiran Kumar (Sarada Vilas College), Cadet A.M. Manoj (D. Bhanumaiah's College), Cadet Chandan Yadav (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering), Leading Cadet Harsh (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering) and Cadet Yashwant Kumar (St. Philomena's College).

Boat Pulling Race - Senior Wing: Cadet Captain M. Gagana (Sarada Vilas College), Cadet Captain Sanjana Murthy (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering), PO Cdt K.P. Bindushree (Yuvaraja's College), PO Cdt P. Supriya (Sarada Vilas College), Leading Cdt Himani (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering), Cadet L. Sukrutha (Sarada Vilas College), Cadet Saghavi Lokesh (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering) and Cadet S. Srilakshmi (Yuvaraja's College).

Boat Rigging - Mixed Category: PO Cdt C. Yashwant (St. Philomena's College), PO Cdt D.M. Darshan (Yuvaraja's College), Cadet J. Kiran Kumar (Sarada Vilas College), Cadet A.M. Manoj (D. Bhanumaiah's College), Cadet Captain M. Gagana (Sarada Vilas College), Cadet Captain Sanjana Murthy (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering), PO Cdt K.P. Bindushree (Yuvaraja's College) and PO Cdt P. Supriya (Sarada Vilas College).

Best Firer: PO Cdt K.P. Bindushree (Yuvaraja's College).

Naval Communication - Senior Division: Leading Cadet Chandan Yadav (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering).

Naval Communication - Senior Wing: Cadet Captain Sanjana Murthy (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering).

Semanship: Cadet L. Sukrutha (Sarada Vilas College) and Cadet Saghavi Lokesh (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering).

Service Subject Written: PO Cdt D.M. Darshan (Yuvaraja's College) and Cadet Captain Sanjana Murthy (Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering).

Health & Hygiene: Cadet Captain M. Gagana (Sarada Vilas College).

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The Exorcist Beliver (E)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 10 pm
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Abhiramachandra (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
The Vaccine War (H)	(S-1)	6.50 pm
Kannur Squad (Ma)	(S-2)	10.40 am
Raththam (Ta)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Rules Ranjann (Te)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Mission Raniganji(H)	(S-2)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Raja Marthanda (K)	(S-3)	10.55 am
Thothapuri 2 (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Jawan (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Thank you for Coming (H)	(S-3)	7.25 pm
Chaaver (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Fighter (K)	(S-4)	10.40 am
Baanadariyalli (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Mad 2023 (Te)	(S-4)	4.20 pm

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Baanadariyalli (K)	:	1.10 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.20 pm
Love (K)	:	1.10 pm
Mission Raniganj (H)	:	1.15 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello (K)	:	1.30 pm
Mad (2023) (Te)	:	3.50 pm
The Exorcist: Believer (E)	:	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.15 pm
Fighter (K)	:	4.20 pm, 6.45 pm
Irugapatru (Te)	:	9.15 pm

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Mission Raniganj (H)	:	9.35 am, 10.30 am, 1.30 pm 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Jawan (H)	:	9.45 am, 3.40 pm, 9.50 pm
The Exorcist: Believer (E)	:	9.50 am, 4.40 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Raja Marthanda (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.00 pm
Thank You for Coming (H)	:	10.05 am, 7.15 pm
Baanadariyalli (K)	:	12.25 pm, 12.35 pm, 3.40, 6.55, 10.10 pm
Irugapatru (Ta)	:	12.50 pm
Love (K)	:	1.05 pm
Tatsama Tadbhava (K)	:	2.00 pm
Aade Nam God (K)	:	4.00 pm
Fukrey 3 (H)	:	4.10 pm
Chaaver (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Maama Cascheendra (Te)	:	10.00 pm
Kannur Squad (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Mission Raniganj (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.30 pm, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm
Baanadariyalli (K)	:	10.10 am, 7.10 pm
The Exorcist: Believer (E)	:	10.30 am, 10.35 am, 1.25 pm 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Mad (2023) (Te)	:	1.25 pm
Jawan (H)	:	4 pm, 10.10 pm
800 (Ta)	:	4.15 pm
Fighter (K)	:	4.20 pm
Abhiramachandra (K)	:	7.40 pm
Rules Ranjann (Te)	:	10.20 pm

Asian Games 2023

Indian athletes win 107 medals for the highest haul ever

Indian cricket team celebrates with the gold medal after the final match against Afghanistan was abandoned due to rains at the Hangzhou Asian Games yesterday.

Hangzhou, Oct. 8- After delivering two weeks of memorable sporting action, the Asian Games 2023 will come to an end today with a closing ceremony at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium in the People's Republic of China.

The closing ceremony will start at 5.30 pm (IST) and live streaming and telecast of the ceremony will be available in India in Sony LIV app and Sony Sports Network.

The Indian contingent finished their Asian Games 2023 with a record tally of 107 medals, including 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze.

This is the nation's biggest-ever haul in a single edition of the quadrennial showpiece. Their previous best was 70 medals (16 gold) at Jakarta 2018.

Among the major highlights, Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra defended his Asiad javelin title with a massive 88.88m throw. Athletics fetched the highest number of medals among all disciplines — 29.

Indian shooting bettered its best count of 14 at Doha 2006 to win 22 medals in China. Twelve of these medals have come in team events.

The men's and women's cricket and kabaddi team did the double, hauling in gold medals in each of these sections.

In compound archery, India clean swept the five gold medals on offer, with Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Ojas Pravin Deotale registering a rare treble. It bodes well for the team even as compound archery seeks a permanent inclusion in the Olympic programme ahead of Los Angeles 2028.

On the badminton front, the World No. 3 pairing of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty clinched India's first-ever gold with a straight-games win in the men's doubles final. The squad returned with three medals, its second-best performance ever.

Some of these medals also guaranteed athletes Paris 2024 berths. The Indian men's hockey team with a golden finish, and boxers Nikhat Zareen (bronze), Parveen (bronze), Preeti (bronze) and Lovlina (bronze), are the ones who got tickets to the marquee event in the French capital in less than 300 days from now.

Asian Games - Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	201	111	71	383
2	Japan	52	67	69	188
3	Korea	42	59	89	190
4	India	28	38	41	107

(Till 1.30 pm on Oct. 8)

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Banadariyalli (K)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Mission Raniganj (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm 7.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Exorcist: Believer (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Thank You for Coming (H)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Rajamarthanda (K)	(S-4)	7.20 pm
Jawan (H)	(S-4)	9.55 am; (S-3) 6.45 pm
Abhiramachandra (K)	(S-4)	4.40 pm
Rules Ranjan (Te)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Chaver (Ma)	(S-4)	10.20 pm
800 (Ta)	(S-3)	12.40 pm

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The Exorcist: Believer (E)	:	9.45 am, 11 am, 1.40 pm, 7.30 pm
Mission Raniganj (H)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Love (K)	:	10.45 am
Jawan (H)	:	12.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Fighter (K)	:	1.40 pm
Maama Mascheendra (Te)	:	3.50 pm
The Road (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Aade Nam God (K)	:	4.25 pm
Baanadariyalli (K)	:	7.05 pm
Raththam (Ta)	:	7.25 pm
Kannur Squad (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
Irugapatru (Ta)	:	10.30 pm

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